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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the Patent Application (37 CFR 1.53(b)) in the name(s) of:
Kenichi HAYASHI, Nagano, JAPANFOR: **OPTICAL HEAD DEVICE, DIFFRACTION ELEMENT AND MANUFACTURING METHOD FOR DIFFRACTION ELEMENT****ENCLOSED ARE:**

- (X) 35 pages of Specification, 6 page(s) of Claims (# of claims 22) & Abstract;
- (X) Figs. 1 - 9 / Eight (8) sheet(s) of Drawings;
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- () PTO-1619A and an Assignment to: *Sankyo Seiki Mfg. Co. Ltd.*; **TO FOLLOW**
- () Certified copy(ies) of *Japanese Application Nos. 2003-108204 filed April 11, 2003 and 2003-394179 filed November 25, 2003*, the priority(ies) of which is(are) claimed under 35 USC 119; **TO FOLLOW**
- () Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and 1 reference and English Abstract;
- () Applicant is entitled to claim Small Entity Status [See 37 CFR 1.27];
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